

## **100 Days of Fighting for NY-11: Max Rose Keeps Promises, Gets Results**

*Sworn in during government shutdown, Congressman leads charge to root out corruption, passes first bill into law allowing construction of East Shore Seawall, fights for first responders and homeland security, combats opioid epidemic, calls for infrastructure and commuting solutions, shows up and gets results for the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn*

Congressman Max Rose was sworn into office 100 days ago amidst the longest government shutdown in history [pledging](#), **“As long as I represent New York’s 11th District, I will always show up, listen, and fight for all of Staten Island and South Brooklyn.”**

And he’s been relentless in doing just that—including securing and returning more than \$85,000 in benefits to constituents and the passage of [two bills](#) and [two amendments](#) through the House of Representatives:

- *“That’s the shape of things now that Max Rose is in the driver’s seat. He’s not just the borough congressman, he’s vaulted to the top of the Island’s political food chain.”* [SI Advance, [1/5/19](#)]
- *“U.S. Rep. Max Rose (D-Southern Brooklyn, Staten Island) has hit the ground running with such a force of action that it is impossible to not take notice.”* [Kings County Politics, [1/17/19](#)]
- *“Rose has been a defiant and iconoclastic freshman in a class full of them.”* [Crain’s New York, [3/24/19](#)]
- *“Now as he approaches his first 100 days in office, Rose is touting his work as that rarest of Washington lawmakers: a bipartisan consensus builder willing to reach across the aisle to get things done for his constituents.”* [MetroFocus, [4/2/19](#)]

### **SWORN IN DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

Rose was part of the first class of lawmakers to ever be sworn in during a government shutdown, but that didn’t stop him from taking [responsibility](#) and getting to work. Rose [worked to end the shutdown](#) and hold politicians accountable by proposing legislation to [withhold pay for elected officials](#) during shutdowns. Rose also was focused on helping those at home reeling from the effects—including [donating his salary](#) to support Coast Guard families and those struggling with opioid addiction, to organizing a [cleanup of local national park](#) and a [gift card drive](#) which raised more than \$9,000 for the local Coast Guard community.

- *“The freshman Democrat ... wasn’t in office when the government partially closed down just before Christmas. But he still felt responsible.”* [New York Daily News, [2/4/19](#)]
- *“As the government shutdown dragged on, U.S. Rep. Max Rose and a bipartisan group of House members went to the White House ... to meet with President Donald Trump to try and reach a compromise to reopen federal agencies.”* [Brooklyn Reporter, [1/18/19](#)]
- *“Legislation would withhold federal lawmakers, president’s pay during shutdown ... Rep. Max Rose (D-Staten Island/South Brooklyn), who co-sponsored the Solidarity in Salary Act of 2019 along with Rep. Jared Golden (D-Maine) and Rep. Dan Crenshaw (R-Texas).”* [SI Advance, [1/31/19](#)]

### **LEADS CHARGE TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION**

Rose kept his [pledge](#) to prioritize [cleaning up the corrupt culture](#) in Washington, helping [lead the charge](#) in House passage of the most sweeping [anti-corruption legislation](#) in a generation, which included his proposal to close the [Lobbyist Loophole](#). Because in order to put Congress [back on the side of working people](#), special interests and corporate lobbyists can’t be pulling the strings and [setting the agenda](#).

- *“Rose announced his support for the passing of anti-corruption and pro-democracy reforms. During his campaign, Rose said his biggest legislative priority would be tackling corruption in government and giving the power of government back to the people.”* [SI Advance, [1/4/19](#)]
- *“Congressman Max Rose (D-Staten Island) voted Friday on sweeping anti-corruption legislation, which he co-sponsored. The For the People Act, includes Rose’s Lobbyist Loophole Closure Act, which would require those who provide paid advice that supports a lobbying contract with a government official to register as a lobbyist, even if no direct contact is made.”* [SI Advance, [3/12/19](#)]

## **PASSES FIRST BILL INTO LAW ALLOWING CONSTRUCTION OF EAST SHORE SEAWALL**

After more than six years since Hurricane Sandy, families on the East Shore of Staten Island are struggling with increasing flood insurance rates and the fear of not if, but when, the next superstorm will rock their shores and devastate their homes. Funding for the East Shore Seawall had been secured, but construction was being held up by bureaucratic red tape. That's why Rose's [first piece of legislation](#), which was recently [signed into law](#) by President Trump, paved the way for construction to finally begin.

- *"State officials announced ... that funding has been secured to build a seawall on Staten Island's east shore. Mayor Bill de Blasio, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, and U.S. Congressman Max Rose brokered the agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and New York State."* [WCBS, [2/19/19](#)]
- *"The House overwhelmingly passed a bill authored by Rep. Max Rose (D-Staten Island/South Brooklyn) that provides New York City and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers access to federal lands at Miller Field needed to complete the wall meant to protect the borough from storm-surge flooding like what it saw during Superstorm Sandy."* [SI Advance, [2/26/19](#)]

## **FIGHTS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AND HOMELAND SECURITY**

Rose, as the first Member from New York City to Chair the House Homeland Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism, joined the New York Police Department for a [tour and briefing of the city's needs and capabilities](#) in addressing threats of terrorism and is [leading the push to increase Homeland Security funding](#) for counterterrorism programs critical to New York City's security. To ensure we have the backs of the first responders and their families who put their lives on the line, Rose is [leading a bipartisan effort](#) to [build support and educate](#) new Members of Congress on the importance of fully and permanently funding the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)—and he's been [relentless](#) in that [effort](#).

- *"A freshman congressman from New York is leading an effort to educate House members about the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund. ... Staten Island Congressman Max Rose is vowing to work to convince his peers why the money is needed."* [WCBS, [2/20/19](#)]
- *"The bipartisan push, led by freshman Staten Island Democratic Rep. Max Rose and Long Island Republican Rep. Pete King, who are both on the Homeland Security Committee, would add close to \$1 billion to Trump's numbers when Congress writes its own spending plan later this spring."* [New York Daily News, [4/6/19](#)]

## **COMBATS OPIOID EPIDEMIC**

More Americans died from overdoses in 2016 than from the entire Vietnam War, and this epidemic—fueled by heroin and fentanyl—has particularly devastated Staten Island and South Brooklyn. Rose, who directed a nonprofit agency providing care for opioid-addicted patients before entering politics, has made [raising awareness](#) on the struggles of addiction as well as combating the scourge of opioids a [top priority](#). In addition to leading efforts to [expand child care services](#) for veterans seeking treatment as well as a [bipartisan push](#) for the highest possible funding level for opioid prevention, treatment and recovery efforts—Rose has also [pressed the Administration](#) on what is being done to stop the flow of deadly drugs entering the country.

- *"Congressman Max Rose's (D-South Brooklyn, Staten Island) amendment to the Veterans Access to Child Care Act to expand childcare coverage from the Veterans Affairs (VA) to apply to veterans seeking treatment for addiction passed the House."* [Kings County Politics, [2/8/19](#)]
- *"Led by Rep. Max Rose (D-Staten Island/South Brooklyn), 53 bipartisan members penned a letter to Rosa DeLauro and Tom Cole, asking for the 'highest possible funding level' for SAMHSA."* [SI Advance, [3/29/19](#)]

## **CALLS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUTING SOLUTIONS**

Rose is fighting to help end the commuting nightmare lived every day by Staten Islanders and South Brooklynites, but he knows there's no silver bullet or one-size-fits-all fix to instantly make everything better. It takes serious investments, thinking outside the box, and working with every level of government to start moving the needle. Rose has called for [expansions of the expressways](#), proposed [splitting the R-Train](#), sought [additional buses](#) for his district, and called for federal support for his [comprehensive transportation and infrastructure agenda](#).

- *"Pols representing Bay Ridge have a Solomonic idea to fix the R train: split it in two. The R ran better when the MTA stopped running it into Manhattan from 2013 to 2014 ... says a group of officials led by freshman congressman Max Rose."* [NY Daily News, [2/20/19](#)]
- *"Rose urges Congress to help end Staten Island's 'commuting nightmare' ... During a recent Appropriations Subcommittee hearing, Rose highlighted the grueling commutes faced by Staten Island residents, while offering various suggestions to improve upon existing travel conditions."* [SI Advance, [3/26/19](#)]

## **SHOWS UP AND GETS RESULTS FOR THE PEOPLE OF STATEN ISLAND AND SOUTH BROOKLYN**

Rose has made it a point to show up and be accountable to the people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn, from hosting public [town halls](#), to meeting people on their [commute](#), at the [diner](#), [and even at their door](#). But it's more than just showing up. Rose is laser focused on doing the work—because when he says, “[if it matters to you, then it matters to me](#)” he means it. And he's gotten results, including securing and returning more than \$85,000 in benefits to constituents, helping the [Marlboro Houses](#) keep their well-liked manager, [helping a family](#) battle their insurance company, [securing long-overdue benefits](#) for veterans, [getting Miller Field open in time](#) for the soccer season, fighting for his [Yemeni](#) and [Liberian](#) constituents, and seeking [fair housing allowances](#) for veterans and servicemembers on Staten Island.

- “The first-term congressman made it clear he worked for the people of Staten Island. ‘What this is about is the fact that I answer to you ... so I’m here today to ask you a very simple question,’ he said. ‘How am I doing? And what else can we do? What matters to you?’” [SI Advance, [3/18/19](#)]
- “Rose took the lead ... in firing off a letter to NYCHA Interim Chair and CEO Stanley Brezenoff following a January 8 Marlboro Tenant Association meeting in which the planned reassignment of McMillan was announced. ... Following this advocacy, the NYCHA reversed course and decided to keep McMillan at Marlboro Houses.” [Kings County Politics, [1/17/19](#)]
- “Rose sent a letter to Karen Ignagni, CEO of Emblem, on Jan. 29 on behalf of the Goldner family urging her to ‘resolve the ongoing issues’ with the company. Three days later, Adam said Emblem reversed its decision and Ethan would no longer need prior authorization for his testing strips. [Goldner] said everything that’s happened has been ‘incredible.’” [SI Advance, [2/4/19](#)]
- “John Moss, an Army veteran who served from 1976 to 1980, fell behind on mortgage and other payments while battling a claim in court with the Veterans Administration (VA) Medical Center. ... He went to Rose’s office for help after going back-and-forth with the VA Hospital for nearly two years; Rose’s office got it taken care of in less than one week, he said. ‘I shouldn’t have had to go through any of that. Everything was service-related and they had all of the information that they needed,’ he said.” [SI Advance, [2/19/19](#)]
- “Congressman Max Rose and Borough President James Oddo announced ... that a resolution has been reached to allow soccer leagues at Miller Field to begin on time after a lack of maintenance at the park left the season in doubt. ‘We’re excited to announce the Staten Island Soccer League season will start on time,’ Rose and Oddo said in a joint statement. ‘This has been a long, hard process — but, frankly, we weren’t going to stop until this was resolved,’ Rose and Oddo said.” [SI Advance, [3/22/19](#)]
- “Prior to the President agreeing to extend the program, Congressman Max Rose (D-Staten Island) and Councilwoman Debi Rose (D-North Shore) had pressed the administration to reinstate DED and save the Island’s Liberians from deportation.” [SI Advance, [3/28/19](#)]
- “Rose has advocated for the Yemeni-American citizens in his district who have faced hardships with family member’s visa applications due to the Muslim ban, going as far as asking the secretary of state to personally approve applications for several constituents.” [SI Advance, [4/2/19](#)]
- “Borough veterans and active military personnel receive hundreds of dollars less for housing compared to the other four boroughs, prompting Rep. Max Rose to call on the Department of Defense (DOD) for change.” [SI Advance, [4/4/19](#)]

**BOTTOM LINE:** Since Day 1, Rose has kept his promises, gotten results, and fought to make a difference in the things that matter most to his bosses—the hardworking people of Staten Island and South Brooklyn.

**And don’t try to tell Rose he’s taking on too many issues and fighting on too many fronts:**

**“No one ever asks someone who’s a hardworking member of the working class how many fronts they can fight on,” [Rose said](#).**

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